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# H. R. 1119

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Teacher Sabbatical  
5       Leave Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE USE OF SABBATICAL**  
2 **LEAVE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title II of the Elemen-  
4 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 2212. GRANTS FOR SALARY DURING SABBATICAL**  
7 **LEAVE.**

8 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may  
9 make grants to State educational agencies and local edu-  
10 cational agencies to pay such agencies for one-half of the  
11 amount of the salary that otherwise would be earned by  
12 an eligible teacher described in subsection (b), if, in lieu  
13 of fulfilling the teacher’s ordinary teaching assignment,  
14 the teacher completes a course of study described in sub-  
15 section (c) during a sabbatical term described in sub-  
16 section (d).

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE TEACHERS.—An eligible teacher de-  
18 scribed in this subsection is a teacher who—

19 “(1) is employed by an agency receiving a grant  
20 under this section to provide classroom instruction  
21 to children at an elementary or secondary school  
22 that provides free public education;

23 “(2) has secured from such agency, and any  
24 other person or agency whose approval is required  
25 under State law, approval to take sabbatical leave  
26 for a sabbatical term described in subsection (d);

1           “(3) has submitted to the agency an application  
2           for a subgrant at such time, in such manner, and  
3           containing such information as the agency may re-  
4           quire, including—

5                 “(A) written proof—

6                         “(i) of the approval described in para-  
7                         graph (2); and

8                         “(ii) of the teacher’s having been ac-  
9                         cepted for enrollment in a course of study  
10                        described in subsection (c); and

11                 “(B) assurances that the teacher—

12                         “(i) will notify the agency in writing  
13                         within a reasonable time if the teacher ter-  
14                         minates enrollment in the course of study  
15                         described in subsection (c) for any reason;

16                         “(ii) in the discretion of the agency,  
17                         will reimburse to the agency some or all of  
18                         the amount of the subgrant if the teacher  
19                         fails to complete the course of study; and

20                         “(iii) otherwise will provide the agency  
21                         with proof of having completed such course  
22                         of study not later than 60 days after such  
23                         completion; and

1                   “(4) has been selected by the agency to re-  
2                   ceive a subgrant based on the agency’s plan for  
3                   meeting its classroom needs.

4           “(c) COURSE OF STUDY.—A course of study de-  
5           scribed in this subsection is a course of study at an institu-  
6           tion of higher education that—

7                   “(1) requires not less than one academic semes-  
8                   ter and not more than one academic year to com-  
9                   plete;

10                   “(2) is open for enrollment for professional de-  
11                   velopment purposes to an eligible teacher described  
12                   in subsection (b); and

13                   “(3) is designed to improve the classroom  
14                   teaching of such teachers through academic and  
15                   child development studies.

16           “(d) SABBATICAL TERM.—A sabbatical term de-  
17           scribed in this subsection is a leave of absence from teach-  
18           ing duties granted to an eligible teacher for not less than  
19           one academic semester and not more than one academic  
20           year, during which period the teacher receives—

21                   “(1) one-half of the amount of the salary that  
22                   otherwise would be earned by the teacher, if the  
23                   teacher had not been granted a leave of absence,  
24                   from State or local funds made available by a State

1 educational agency or a local educational agency;  
2 and

3 “(2) one-half of such amount from Federal  
4 funds received by such agency through a grant  
5 under this section.

6 “(e) PAYMENTS.—

7 “(1) TO ELIGIBLE TEACHERS.—In making a  
8 subgrant to an eligible teacher under this section, a  
9 State educational agency or a local educational agen-  
10 cy shall agree to pay the teacher, for tax and admin-  
11 istrative purposes, as if the teacher’s regular em-  
12 ployment and teaching duties had not been sus-  
13 pended.

14 “(2) REPAYMENT OF SECRETARY.—A State  
15 educational agency or a local educational agency re-  
16 ceiving a grant under this section shall agree to pay  
17 over to the Secretary the Federal share of any  
18 amount recovered by the agency pursuant to sub-  
19 section (b)(3)(B)(ii).

20 “(f) FUNDING.—For the purpose of carrying out this  
21 section, there are authorized to be appropriated  
22 \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may  
23 be necessary for fiscal years 2003 through 2006. Such  
24 sums shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be  
25 appropriated to carry out this part under section 2003.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect beginning with fiscal year  
3 2002.

